NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Mountain Empire Transit will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

<u>Employment</u>: Mountain Empire Transit does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

<u>Effective Communication</u>: Mountain Empire Transit will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Mountain Empire Transit's programs, services and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

<u>Modifications to Policies and Procedures</u>: Mountain Empire Transit will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a Mountain Empire Transit program, service, or activity, should contact Mountain Empire Transit's ADA Coordinator Mitch Elliott at 276-523-4202 or <u>melliot@meoc.org</u> as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require Mountain Empire Transit to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose any undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a Mountain Empire Transit program, service, or activity is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Mountain Empire Transit's ADA Coordinator Mitch Elliott at 276-523-4202 or melliot@meoc.org

Mountain Empire Transit will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy.